UNITED STATE	DISTRICT	COURT
SOUTHERN DIS	TRICT OF	NEW YORK

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BODO PARADY, as Special Administrator of the Estate of SABINA PARADI and BODO PARADY and MARY MOORE, individually,

07 CIV 3640 (JCF) ECF CASE

Plaintiffs,

Magistrate Judge Francis-all purposes

-against-

MICHAEL R. PHILLIPS.

**ANSWER TO AMENDED COMPLAINT** 

Defendant, ------ x

Defendant, Michael R. Phillips, answering the Amended Complaint herein, states:

### **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

- 1. Defendant is possessed of insufficient information to form a belief regarding the allegations contained therein, and leaves plaintiffs to their proofs thereof.
- 2. Defendant is possessed of insufficient information to form a belief regarding the allegations contained therein, and leaves plaintiffs to their proofs thereof.
  - 3. Defendant admits the allegations contained therein.
  - 4. Defendant admits the allegations contained therein.
  - 5. Defendant admits the allegations contained therein.
- 6. Defendant is possessed of insufficient information to form a belief regarding the allegations contained therein, and leaves plaintiffs to their proofs thereof.
- 7. Defendant admits that the parties are citizens of diverse states, but is possessed of insufficient information to form a belief regarding the remaining allegations contained therein, and leaves plaintiffs to their proofs thereof.

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- 8. Defendant admits that the accident occurred within the Southern District of New York, but is possessed of insufficient information regarding the remaining allegations contained therein, and leaves plaintiffs to their proofs thereof.
  - 9. Defendant denies the allegations contained therein.

## FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF

- 10. Defendant admits the allegations contained therein.
- 11. Defendant admits the allegations contained therein.
- 12. Defendant admits the allegations contained therein.
- 13. Defendant denies the allegations contained therein.
- 14. Defendant denies the allegations contained therein.
- 15. Defendant admits the allegations contained therein.
- 16. Defendant denies the allegations contained therein.
- 17. Defendant denies the allegations contained therein.
- 18. Defendant denies the allegations contained therein.
- 19. Defendant denies the allegations contained therein.
- 20. Defendant denies the allegations contained therein.
- 21. Defendant denies the allegations contained therein.
- 22. Defendant denies the allegations contained therein.
- 23. Defendant denies the allegations contained therein.
- 24. Defendant denies the allegations contained therein.
- 25. Defendant denies the allegations contained therein.
- 26. Defendant is possessed of insufficient information to form a belief regarding the allegations contained therein, and leaves plaintiffs to their proofs thereof.
- 27. Defendant is possessed of insufficient information to form a belief regarding the allegations contained therein, and leaves plaintiffs to their proofs thereof.
  - 28. Defendant denies the allegations contained therein.

# SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF

- 29. Defendant repeats its answers to the allegations contained in the FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF, and incorporates them by reference herein.
  - 30. Defendant denies the allegations contained therein.
- 31. Defendant admits that decedent left surviving her parents, Bodo Parady and Mary Moore. Defendant denies the remaining allegations contained therein.
- 32. Defendant is possessed of insufficient information to form a belief regarding the allegations contained therein, and leaves plaintiffs to their proofs thereof.
  - 33. Defendant denies the allegations contained therein.

### THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF

- 34. Defendant repeats its answers to the allegations contained in the FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF and SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF, and incorporates them by reference herein.
  - 35. Defendant admits the allegations contained therein.
  - 36. Defendant admits the allegations contained therein.
- 37. Defendant is possessed of insufficient information to form a belief regarding the allegations contained therein, and leaves plaintiffs to their proofs thereof.
  - 38. Defendant denies the allegations contained therein.
  - 39. Defendant denies the allegations contained therein.
  - 40. Defendant denies the allegations contained therein.

#### AFFIMATIVE DEFENSES

- Defendant was in no way negligent.
- 2. Decedent's negligence bars and/or comparatively diminishes the right of recovery on her behalf.
- 3. Decedent's assumption of risk bars and/or comparatively diminishes the right of recovery on her behalf.

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4. Any damages allegedly sustained by decedent and/or by plaintiffs, were caused

by the acts or omissions of third parties and/or conditions over whom and which defendant

exercised no control.

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5. Any claims on behalf of decedent and/or plaintiffs are limited by reason of

collateral sources, pursuant to CPLR § 4545.

Any claim against defendant is barred and/or comparatively diminished by

reason of the failure to mitigate damages herein.

7. Any claims on behalf of decedent and/or plaintiffs against defendant are barred

by reason of supervening/ intervening cause.

8. No claim for exemplary or punitive damages lies against defendant herein.

9. Any claims on behalf of decedent and/or plaintiffs are confined and limited by the

provisions of Article 51 of the Insurance Law of the State of New York.

**JURY DEMAND** 

Defendant, Michael R. Phillips, hereby demands a trial by jury as to all issues herein.

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